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Keepers At Home

Keepers at Home will meet on Monday, January 28, 2008. We will be making a Valentine card with *Stampin' Up!* materials. Meeting time and place will be from 1-3 PM at Wesley United Methodist Church, 4256 Hartley Bridge Road.

Keepers Committee

Marcia Braswell 328-2750

Tamie Esmond 738-9568

Barbara Fike 788-1929

Olette Holmes 788-5507

Cheryl Thomas 784-0919

Batter Up!



Warner Robins Patriots Baseball for home school boys ages 13 through 19 will soon begin practicing. Practice times and location will be sent out via email for all those previously registered. If you have not signed up, please contact Keith Braswell for more information at (478)328-2750.

From the Editor

Spring semester of her sophomore year, Jessica, our second oldest daughter, transferred colleges and her major to Music Therapy. She absolutely loves her work. Part of the program takes her into special education classes, head start programs, prisons, assisted living facilities and nursing homes.

Having observed a Music Therapist work with her baby brother, Austin, Jessica felt almost called to work with children. Going to the nursing home last month was merely a requirement she needed to fulfill for her class. She expected it to be unpleasant. About four years ago, while I was out of town, my grandmother passed away. Jessica and her sister, Kristin, were with Mim Mim when she died. She was over 100 years old and lived in a nursing home one mile from our house. After that experience, Jessica wouldn't go to a nursing home until her MT class required that she spend a couple of hours at a state run facility.

When she arrived at the nursing home with two classmates, the director asked them to sing *Happy Birthday* to Miss Mammy. She warned them that the very elderly lady was unresponsive. "It's her birthday, and no one will come by to see her," She said. "Would you mind dropping in and singing to her?"

The girls found Miss Mammy stretched out on her hospital bed in a barren room. Her head was turned away in position that made it hard to see her face. She gave no response when they sang Happy Birthday. The director stopped in and suggested they try singing *Amazing Grace*. "It's her favorite song."

As one of the girls played the guitar the other two began harmonizing the hymn. Almost immediately the elderly lady began to shake as if having a seizure. Realizing that Miss Mammy was trying to turn to look at them and uncover her arms, Jessica reached over and pulled back the blankets. Miss Mammy raised her hands toward the ceiling as if she could reach touch God.

Hearing the last words of the final verse, she tried to speak. The girls realized that Miss Mammy wanted them to sing the song again. So they sang *Amazing Grace* two more times. All through the hymn, Miss Mammy kept her hands lifted high in the air.

As the girls got ready to go, Jessica leaned over the bed to tell Miss Mammy good-bye. As she covered the frail, tiny arms and hands with the blanket, Jessica drew close to make eye contact. Tears rolling down her face, Miss Mammy whispered, "Thank you."

Jessica told me that in that moment, she knew, without a shadow of a doubt, that **this** is what she was supposed to be doing with her life. As she told me her story, I couldn't help but remember my first thoughts three years ago. When the doctor said your baby has Down syndrome, I worried about my other children. I fretted that having a brother that was "handicapped" would change their lives. Life as we knew it would never be the same. I was right. Our life has changed...for the better. "And we know that all things work together for the good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28 (KJV) Are you feeling overwhelmed by life? Are you wondering if God is even aware of your circumstances? Trust Him. He is working together 'all things' for good.

Keep the Faith- Amy

[For your Directory](#)

Welcome New MGCHSA Members

Terry and Dana Aldridge

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London 1rst grade

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Wes and MaLisa Stinehelfer

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966 Spring Street

Macon, GA 31201

478 745 7028

*Nicholas

*Ehren

*Zachary

*Justin

Sarah 12th

Charity 8th

Faith 6th

Mercy 2nd

Patience pre

Websites Worth Surfing

Here are a few websites recommended by members of MGCHSA.

<http://www.homeeducationresources.org>

[http://www. Gardenofpraise.com](http://www.Gardenofpraise.com) is recommended by Evelyn Scheiman. It's a good website offering free curriculum and worksheets for Bible, Spanish, Spelling, Art and Music.

<http://www.school.discover.com> Lots of activities and it's free.

<http://www.worksheetlibrary.com>

“All the World’s a Stage”

American Theatre Arts for Youth will be coming to Macon again this school year with some great musical productions. I would encourage anyone whose has never been to one of their productions to attend one this year. The productions are usually very well done. They are performed at the Macon City Auditorium and are about 70 minutes long. The group price is \$7.25 per person (with groups of 10 or more). They also offer a 2 show discount rate of \$12.90 per person if anyone is interested in seeing more than one show this year. This years offerings are as follows:

Feb 7th (Thurs), 10am - **Ellis Island: Gateway to Dreams** (Deadline to sign up is Jan 10)

This play portrays the experiences of immigrants who came through Ellis Island. It shows their courage and spirit, as well as, they

challenges they faced in a new land. My family has been to see this one and we enjoyed it so much that we plan to see it again this year.

Apr. 1st (Tues), 10am - **Sleeping Beauty** (deadline to sign up is Mar 1)

This is a portrayal of the children's classic

May 13th (Tues), 10am - **Beauty and the Beast** (deadline to sign up is April 13th)

This is a portrayal of the children's classic

There are no age ranges listed in the brochure for these shows; but from past experience, the first 2 shows will probably appeal more to older children and teenagers, while Sleeping Beauty and Beauty & the Beast will probably appeal more to younger children.

NOTE: If anyone is interested in seeing 2 of the shows, please consider ordering both tickets at the same time as this will save you money. To sign up, please mail a check along with a note stating which play(s) you wish to see and who will be attending to the following address:

Lisa Johnson
966 Santa Fe Trail
Macon, GA 31220

If you have questions, call me at 478-477-3149 or email me at johnsonllk@yahoo.com. One question frequently asked in the past has been about very young children. If your child is small enough to sit in your lap for the 70 minute show, then they can get in free.

Otherwise, if they take up a seat, you will have to pay for them.



It's A Walk in the Park!

Need a PE class? A chance to get out of the house and interact with other families that homeschool? Every Tuesday and Thursday from 1-3 pm you can gather at Ridge Park (located on the corner of Ridge and Ingleside in Macon, GA) for fun and fellowship. Bring a sack lunch, lots of balls and play equipment and join the games. In case of rain, then head on over to the Burger King on Riverside for some fun on their inside playground. For more information contact Corrina Tweedle at 471-8920.

Let's Play Day

Meet other home schoolers in the Middle GA area. Come out to play at Kangaroo Bob's on Thursday, January 17th, from noon until 3:00. To get a look at all the fun activities and games that Kangaroo Bob offers, go to www.kangarobobs.org Recommended ages are 0-10 but even the grown-ups get involved in the games. — For more information about the play date, contact Teresa Robertson at 478-737-2700. Teresa hopes to get a crowd of home schoolers every third Thursday of the month. So if you can't go this month, you can plan ahead for February.

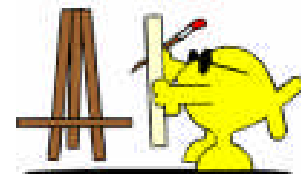
Kangaroo Bob's is offering a special rate of \$5.95 for MGCHSA members and is good



Art Classes for the New Year

Creative Alternative will be offering art Classes starting in January. All ages are welcomed. One hour classes will be held every other Saturday. We will rotate Basic Drawing & Painting, and Clay. Call as soon as possible to reserve your child or children.

Contact Teresa Robertson at 737-2700 to sign up.



[Dr. A's Science Show in Macon !!!](#)

Now Registering in Macon ! For ages K-4 through 12th grade

January 8th 9:30 AM—4:00 PM at Ingleside Baptist Church

Because students (and Moms) have asked for more Science Shows, Dr. A has designed additional Science Safaris that offer new experiments and demonstrations that continue to enhance the Science learning experience. Additionally, Shows are being added that specifically target older audiences, which move faster, deal with more complicated experiments, and provide learning on a higher level.

What is a Super-Cool Science Safari? A Super-Cool Science Safari is an all-day (6-hour) multi-disciplinary, interactive Science Lab. Students participate in a series of demos and exciting hands-on science activities designed to enrich and promote a better understanding of many important scientific concepts.

Go to http://www.homeeducationresources.org/index_files/dr_a.htm for more information or to register.